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THE STORY OF THE OLD CANTEEN

By HARRY J. WALSH

WHEN the Army Hospital at Fox Hills closed, the canteen which the National League for Women's Service ran nearby was, of necessity, also closed. Many a happy hour had been spent in that "old canteen"—many a merry meal partaken of. On a winter evening, before the crackling hearth fire, crutches and canes were forgotten while the war was fought and re-fought, orally, of course. The "old tin pan," as the piano was affectionately called, strove bravely to make its accompaniment heard as the "gang" manfully rendered the latest popular song. Seated here and there could be seen the inveterate checker players, lips pursed and brows contracted at some especially difficult move. From the bowling alley in the next room the hum of the bowling balls came, punctuated by the crash of pins as someone made a "ten strike."

At dinner time there was a good natured rush for the dining room and then the meal, with its joshing, rattling of plates and hearty good fellowship. That "old canteen" was an oasis—a place where a fellow could go and mingle with his comrades and be at his ease. The women who made such a place possible performed a work as noble and praiseworthy as any hero who has ever lived.

Then came the time when wounds were healed and uniforms discarded for the long craved civilian clothes. As the boys re-entered everyday life they looked back longingly on the happy days of the "old canteen." New problems confronted them now. If they could have some place to go where they could discuss these problems together and co-operate in solving them and in helping one another!

Last June several of the "gang" were spending a week-end at the historic old Knox Farm, near Morristown, New Jersey, as the guests of Miss Marion Knox and Miss Elinor Brooks. Seeing the possibilities for service that lay in a clubhouse for disabled veterans, Miss Brooks set about seeing what could be done. She organized the committee of women and they went at the job with their well known feminine zest and ability. As an illustration of their courage, it can be pointed out that they leased the building at 151 East Twenty-first Street, when they had but \$500 in the treasury. They appealed to people whom they knew would be interested and gradually collected enough funds to put the club solidly on its feet.

In casting about for a name it was but natural that it should be called "THE OLD CANTEEN," in memory of its predecessor. It opened on October 9th with a real old time get-together party. On October 7th the forty-five charter members held their first meeting. They called themselves The Old Canteen Club and showed a spirit and enthusiasm that is hard to equal.

The clubhouse contains a restaurant, reading room, music room, gymnasium and pool room. During the first three weeks of its existence the restaurant served 1,000 meals to disabled veterans in training in this locality. The Canteen has been a success from the start and now has 150 members. It is primarily a social club for disabled veterans, which hopes, by co-operation, to aid its members in every possible way. The Canteen is fast becoming self-supporting.

All the people who have helped make The Old Canteen possible are assured of the heartfelt thanks of its members. It sure does recall the days of our first "old canteen" to be greeted by Miss Brooks, its former hostess, as we come in the door. In the restaurant, Miss Knox, our ex-mess sergeant, holds forth as Canteen Manager, and makes sure we have enough to eat. And we can't get too much, for the culinary details are in the capable hands of Ida, whose creations of Southern delicacies have been enjoyed by countless wounded veterans.

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'The Reformation of Zilly Anne'

A PLAY IN TWO ACTS, BY MARGARET FAWCETT

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

MRS. ZILLY ANNE WASHINGTON LEE.....	Mr. William B. Smith
RASTUS (Her Husband).....	Mr. David Guiry
PLATO (Her "Financee").....	Mr. Harry J. Walsh
OBEDIAH (Her Nephew).....	Mr. James O'Neill
FAN (Her Neighbor).....	Mr. Harold Cooper
SHRIMP (Plato's Side Partner).....	Mr. Joseph Hayes
SALOME (Obediah's Wife).....	Mr. Clarence Mather
SISTER LILY MAY WHITE.....	Mr. Daniel F. Morgan
FEARLESS (Her Husband).....	Mr. Dominick Alnio

GUESTS AT THE BALL

BEN.....	Mr. Mathew Carroll
SAM.....	Mr. William Clancy
CORNELIUS.....	Mr. Robert Coates
ZAK.....	Mr. Murdock MacFarlane
TOM.....	Mr. Antoin Dupuis
FRED.....	Mr. Andrew Bobko
GEORGE.....	Mr. Morris Marcus
MOSE.....	Mr. Henry Luderman
BUCK.....	Mr. John Ney
CHLOE.....	Mr. Jack Abramson
LINDY LU.....	Mr. Michael Barry
MANDY.....	Mr. Frank MacAuliffe
LULU.....	Mr. Vincent Callaghan
LILY.....	Mr. Anthony Ceilicia
BESSIE.....	Mr. Herman D. Tatum
"BANJO".....	Mr. John Scully
"FIDDLER".....	Mr. Gilbert Moreaux

The action takes place in a Negro village down South during war days—about 1918.

NOTE—Every member of the cast and orchestra of this play is a disabled veteran of the World War.

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SCENES

ACT I

Inside Zilly Anne's Cabin.

ACT II

Inside Sister Lily May White's Barn.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

DANCE Shrimp

ENTRE-ACTE Mr. Walsh and Mr. Hayes

SONGS Mr. John Brawley

ACT II

"O SUSANNA" "Banjo"

"THE SANDMAN" Messrs. Brawley, Walsh, Carroll and Clancy

"LINDY LU" Ben

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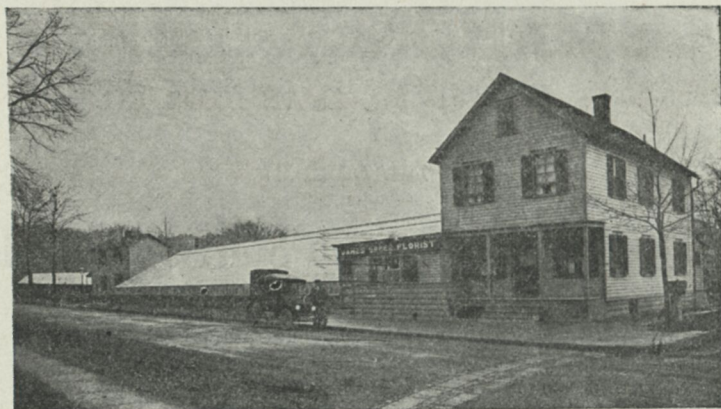
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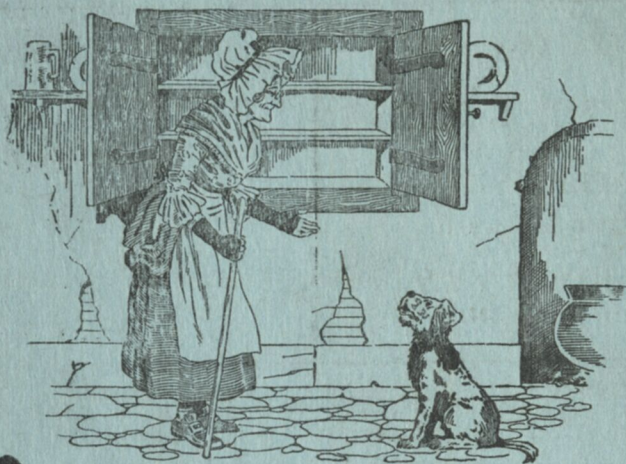
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